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SUBJECT: UNEP INFORMAL MEETINGS

1. TOLBA OPENED SESSION WITH HIS VIEWS ON FUTURE UNEP POLICIES AND OPERATIONS. HE STRESSED A GUIDING CONCEPT OF CONCENTRATION ON ACTION-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES PRINCIPALLY ON A REGIONAL BASIS. HE EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR A CONCERTED EFFORT ON EARTHWATCH, EDUCATION, TRAINING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND MUCH IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS PARTICULARLY WITH GOVERNMENTS. HE HOPES TO DEVELOP DEFINITE PLANS FOR PROGRAMS WITH TARGET DATES SO THAT PROGRESS CAN BE MEASURED.

2. FOR GCV, LEVELS 1, 2 AND 3 IN EACH PROGRAM AREA WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO A SINGLE DOCUMENT TO PROVIDE FOR BETTER CONSIDERATION OF POLICY ISSUES. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT WILL IDENTIFY MAJOR POLICY ISSUES (NOT ONLY PROGRAMS) WHICH CAN SERVE AS A BASIS FOR PLENARY DISCUSSION; WILL ASK THE GOVERNING COUNCIL FOR A DECISION TO ADDRESS A LIMITED NUMBER OF PROGRAM TOPICS BEGINNING WITH GCVI ON A ROTATIONAL BASIS TO PROVIDE FOR IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION WITH BRIEF TREATMENT OF REMAINING AREAS. TOLBA STATED
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THAT UNEP WAS IMPLEMENTING A LARGER NUMBER OF GC AND UNGA RESOLUTIONS BUT THE FOLLOWING WOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE TIME OF GCV: A SEPARATE ECB GROUP FOR EARTHWATCH RESEARCH, RURAL ENERGY CENTERS, DEVELOPING COUNTRY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING NEEDS, A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CLEARINGHOUSE. TOLBA ASKED FOR VIEWS ON AN AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL FIRST BROUGHT UP AT

GCHQ FOR AN EXTERNAL REVIEW OF UNEP PROJECT ACTIVITIES. HE POINTED OUT THE FORTHCOMING CPC REVIEW, AND SOME INTERNAL REVIEWS THE SECRETARIAT HAS CONDUCTED, THE RESULTS OF WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE AT GCV. (SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION LARGELY OPPOSED THE AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL, BUT IT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY SURFACE AGAIN.)

3. TOLBA CHIDED GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR LACK OF RESPONSE TO UNEP REQUESTS FOR LEVEL I INFO, IRS SOURCES, AND INFORMATION ON ANTICIPATED FUND CONTRIBUTIONS. IN THE LATTER CASE HE HAD RECEIVED ONLY 15 REPLIES FROM GOVERNMENTS, ONLY TWO OF WHICH (CANADA AND SWEDEN) WERE DEFINITIVE. HE ASKED FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS ON CONTRIBUTIONS BEFORE GCV TO GIVE HIM A BASIS FOR PLANNING. AFTER A LONG COMMENTARY ON PENDING NEEDS (WHICH WAS THE MAJOR ITEM FOR DISCUSSION SUBSEQUENTLY, AND WILL BE ADDRESSED IN SEPT) HE TURNED TO INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR HABITAT. HE REITERATED STATUS TO DATE, MENTIONED THAT NO DECISION WILL BE REQUIRED OF GCV BUT NOTED THAT HE MUST MAKE A REPORT OF ITS VIEWS SUBSEQUENTLY TO ECOSOC. HE STATED HIS INTENT TO KEEP THIS QUESTION FROM BEING A DIVISIVE ISSUE AT GCV. CATTO

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